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1. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO OFFER AMENDMENT TO LEBANESE
DRAFT RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

2. AMEND PREAMBULAR PARA 2 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
"BEARING IN MIND, THAT ALTHOUGH, SOME OF THE COUNTRIES
OF WESTERN ASIA, WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE UN ARE
PRESENTLY SERVICED BY THE UNESOB, MOST OF THE COUNTRIES
OF THE REGION, AS A WHOLE, DO NOT ENJOY MEMBERSHIP IN
ANY UN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION".

AMEND OPERATIVE PARA 1 (B) AS FOLLOWS:

"THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOW-
ING STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, BAHRAIN, IRAQ,
ISRAEL, JORDAN, LEBANON, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA,
SYRIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN AND YEMEN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, SITUATED IN THE REGION MAY BE ADMITTED TO MEMBER-
SHIP BY THE COUNCIL UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COM-
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MISSION."

3. IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD PREVAIL BUT WE SEE SEVERAL TACTICAL ADVANTAGES IN OUR OFFERING IT: A) BY SPECIFICATION OF ISRAEL AMONG THE COUNTRIES TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WE CAN FORECLOSE AN ANTICIPATED ARAB ARGUMENT, TOWIT THERE IS NOTHING DISCRIMINATORY ON THE FACE OF THE RESOLUTION AND US CANNOT RAISE ISSUE OF DISCRIMINATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COMMISSION WOULD DENY MEMBERSHIP TO APPLICANT ISRAEL. BY REQUIRING ARABS TO TAKE POSITION ON AMENDMENT NAMING ISRAEL WE COMPLETE THE RECORD IMMEDIATELY THAT ISRAEL IS EXCLUDED ABINITIO FROM ORGANIZATION, B) WE MAY PUT SOME OF OUR WAVERING FRIENDS ON THE SPOT BY REQUIRING THEM TO TAKE POSITION NOW ON EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL, C) IT LIKELY THAT WE CAN SHOW MORE VOTES IN OUR CORNER ON SUCH AN AMENDMENT THAN WE COULD SHOW ON A MOTION TO POSTPONE HENCE CREATING APPEARANCE OF SUBSTANTIAL DOUBTS AMONG DELEGATIONS AS TO WISDOM OF CREATING COMMISSION AT THIS TIME AND D) IT GIVES US MORE TIME FOR ARM TWISTING AND SANDBAGGING WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PREVENTING ARABS FROM EXECUTING THEIR STRATEGY OF QUICK PUSH-THROUGH TO VOTE ON RESOLUTION AFTER ALL ARABS HAVE SHOWN FLAG IN DEBATE.

4. APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS, COMMENTS BY IMMEDIATE REPLY.

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